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A brief comment on Microsoft's proposed settlement. When I purchased a computer from Gateway, I tried to order the spreadsheet known as 1-2-3 (Lotus). My wife was proficient in this program. Gateway told me they could not install that program because Microsoft would not let them. It was a nightmare converting to Microsoft's own spreadsheet program called Excel. I hope the settlement addresses all the customers who were forced to give up a computer program that they relied on and convert to a different program. Thank You Richard Gerdy